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SUBJECT:GOC CONCERN OVER ALLEGED REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT
ROCKEFELLER

REF: NICOSIA 1390

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LAINGEN ON APRIL 22 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS
"SHOCK AND SURPRISE" OVER "UNFORTUNATE" STATEMENTS OF
VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER. HE SAID SIMILAR DEMARCHE HAD
BEEN MADE TO THE US EMBASSY IN NICOSIA AND THAT SUCH
"REMARKS ARE NOT CONDUCIVE TO FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR
GOOD RELATIONS."

2. LAINGEN REPLIED THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS HAD
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BEEN MISINTERPRETED, TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT, AND REPORTED

IN A WAY WHICH DID NOT REFLECT EITHER THE POSITION OF USG
OR THE VP'S OWN GREAT ADMIRATION FOR GREECE AND CYPRUS,
HIS HIGH RESPECT FOR CARAMANLIS, AND HIS CONCERN FOR
PROGRESS ON A JUST CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT
TO FOCUS NOT ON REMARKS TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT BUT ON EFFORTS
OF USG--WHICH THE VP WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORTS--TO PROMOTE
RAPID AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM THROUGH
NEGOTIATIONS. US WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO

ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATING PROCESS SO THAT ALL PEOPLE IN AREA
CAN LIVE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE.

3. DIMITRIOU SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED BY THESE ASSURANCES
AND APPRECIATIVE OF EFFORTS US WAS MAKING. KISSINGER

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